

ROBERT EATON.

JANUARY 4, 1832.

Mr. GILMORE, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the case of Robert Eaton, report:*

It is stated that Robert Eaton, of Ohio, in the Fall of 1817, shipped, on board the schooner Rachel, at Fort Erie, in Upper Canada, two hundred barrels of salt, marked Phineas Thornton, manufactured at the Onondaga salt works, in the State of New York, shipped at Oswego, and conveyed by the way of Queenston, to Fort Erie, to be landed at the Bay of Sandusky, in Ohio. When Robert Eaton arrived at the port of Sandusky, the collector of the port required a protection, as the law directs. Phineas Thornton having neglected to take such certificate from the collector at Oswego, in the State of New York, to legalize the landing of said salt without payment of duty, accordingly, to effectuate a landing, a bond was entered into, the said Robert Eaton as security for the said Thornton, that the necessary certificate from the customhouse officer at Oswego should be produced within six months. This was neglected until after suit brought and judgment obtained. A satisfactory certificate has since been produced. The said Robert Eaton desires to have refunded the amount of damages, to wit, \$212, collected from him, as also, the amount of costs by him paid, \$76 73. The evidence appears satisfactory. Your committee are of opinion that the damages, to wit, \$212, ought to be refunded, but, as the costs accrued in consequence of his own neglect, by which the Treasury was not benefited, that the said Robert Eaton ought to sustain that loss.

A bill is reported in conformity.

